

Preliminary Amendment

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the sixth full paragraph on page 7 of the specification, and replace it with the following new one:

| Figs. 9A through 9C ~~are~~ are a schematic illustrations showing a tube structure of a multitubular heat exchanger of the fifth embodiment of the present invention, wherein Fig. 5A is a front view, Fig. 5B is a side view and Fig. 5C is a development showing a bead pattern;